

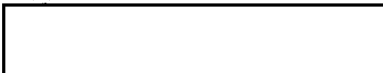
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7 June 1960

Mr. William Hillman



Dear Bill:

Allen Dulles asked me to express his gratitude for your press release of 27 May 1960 with the accompanying promotional note from NANA, wherein President Truman tells Khrushchev he is mistaken if he assumes "he can frighten or bugly the West into surrender on his terms as a price for co-existence with him."

Bill, it was a grand article.

I note in today's (7 June 1960) articles that Mr. Truman is quoted as having said that in 1949 or 1950 there was a plane that could reach a height of 90,000 feet and that he and Dean Acheson turned down a suggestion that it be used for espionage flights. I got the impression that the idea came from someone in the State Department. On a very cursory investigation here I find no record of the intelligence community having made such a suggestion or having advanced such an idea to the President. Can you on a personal basis give me any additional data if it is available on this subject? This inquiry, you understand, is my own, and don't pay any attention to it if it would cause the slightest embarrassment to anyone.

Let me know the next time you are in Washington so we can get together and discuss matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director